

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

A Board of Selectmen meeting was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7pm in Conference Room A in Town Hall, four selectpersons the Town Administrator and Asst. Town Administrator were present; Selectperson Lucas was absent.

7:00 Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Wilkinson said Item #6 on the Action List will be postponed until the next meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Interview of Charles Allen for the Conservation Commission: Selectperson Battistelli nominated Charles Allen as a member of the Conservation Commission to complete a three year term to expire on June 30, 2015, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0. C. Allen said he has been on the Commission for about 2 years, and has completed some basic MAAC courses. He said you really need 5-7 years of experience to really learn all there is to learn to be an effective commissioner. He said there are two purposes for him to serve: 1) he'd like to give something back to Rockport; 2) it personally provides an educational experience for him that occurs every month.

Interview of  
Charles Allen for  
Conservation  
Commission  
Motion  
Approved

Selectperson Battistelli amended the motion to appoint Charles Allen as a member of the Conservation Commission to complete a three year term to expire on June 30, 2015, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

Appointment of  
Charles Allen to  
Conservation  
Commission  
Motion  
Approved

Interview of Tamsen Endicott for the Finance Committee: Selectperson Sheedy nominated Tamsen Endicott as a member of the Finance Committee for a three year term to expire on May 1, 2017, seconded by Selectperson Murphy. T. Endicott said she has been approached several times to consider participating on the Finance Committee and she now has some time to commit to it. She said met with Wally Hess, Finance Committee chair. She has a legal background, she is a small business owner, and grew up in Rockport. This opportunity will provide her with a global picture of what's going on in town and what compromises need to be made. She said she believes the committee should consist of a diverse group of individuals. She said she is very interested in the schools, the DPW and the Planning Board. No vote taken.

Interview of  
Tamsen Endicott  
to Finance  
Committee  
No vote taken

Selectmen and Town Administrator Updates:

- Three Selectpersons were invited to attend attended the Rotary recently; one Selectperson is a Rotary member; there are donations from the Rotary for the ambulance.
- Selectperson Battistelli spoke about the Tool Company; she said Jim Waddell has the name of the individual at the Atty. General's Office who can be contacted regarding the complaint filed by the Tool Company owner against the DEP. We should sit and look at all of the issues going on with this project.
- A complaint has been received regarding signs on Cathedral Avenue (private road, no thru traffic); M. McCarthy, of 14 Breakwater Avenue, put the signs up. A Green Street resident filed the complaint. The Town Administrator said this is a private way owned by all the abutters on the road. If it truly is private, then the town will no longer repair or plow the road. It was stated that one abutter cannot put signs up without permission from the other residents.

Selectmen and  
Town  
Administrator  
Updates

- A complaint was received from someone on Pleasant Street regarding people on FaceBook that are complaining about various things pertaining to traffic. Chairperson Wilkinson said she will make a list of the comments and get them to the Traffic Committee. At the Traffic and Parking Committee meeting today the Town Administrator spoke to DPW Director Parisi about scheduling the DPW to visit a Board of Selectmen meeting. She told him there was a growing list of things for the Board of Selectmen for hearings on traffic and parking.
- An ad has been placed in the paper seeking interested residents for the Police Chief screening committee. It was decided that each of the following groups should be represented:
  - Senior Citizens
  - Business Community
  - Schools
  - Board of Selectmen
  - Personnel Board
  - Town Administrator or Asst. Town Administrator
  - Attorney

Selectperson Murphy said interested individuals should put it in writing and get it to the Town Administrator's office. Chairperson Wilkinson said she will write a Letter to the Editor with the same information that was put in the paper.

- The Town Accountant position is being re-advertised; Chairperson Wilkinson said we need another solution so the Town Administrator isn't handling it all. Wally Hess, Finance Committee, is working with recruitment firms.
- The Management Meeting at the Police Station is this Thursday at 3pm.

Public Comment  
Period

Public Comment Period: T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, when M. McCarthy was here she said that Cathedral was a private road. The town is one of the owners of the road; he said this should be pursued. It is not sufficient to simply not plow or maintain the road. The Town Administrator said we have taken action, it is not that we are sitting back doing nothing. T. Arsenian said he wanted to comment on the issue of ownership of Pigeon Cove and the seabed. He said when the town got title to the outer portion of the breakwater, what the town got from the Fisherman's Co-Op was not what they got from the CATCO Nominee Trust.

7:40

#### Action List

Action List:  
Appointment of  
Francis Sullivan as  
Veteran's Agent  
Motion Approved

- Appointment of Francis Sullivan, Jr. as Veterans Agent: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Selectmen appoint Francis Sullivan as Veterans Agent to finish a one year term to expire on June 30, 2015, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 3-0. Selectperson Battistelli abstained.

Elder Abuse  
Awareness at Five  
Corners on 11/13/14  
Motion Approved

- Elder Abuse Awareness at Five Corners: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Selectmen grant permission to the Council on Aging to hold its annual Elder Abuse awareness event, "Show You Care" on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at Five Corners from 10 am to 12 noon, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Special Sign Permit  
for "La Petite Spa"  
Motion Approved

- Special Sign Permit for "La Petite Spa": Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a special sign permit for La Petite Spa to replace their existing sign at the corner of Cathedral Avenue and Granite Street, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

The Town Administrator said she took a picture of the existing sign, it is a small rectangle, Chairperson Wilkinson said this is a separate issue; we should continue to research The Emerson Inn sign. Selectperson Battistelli said signs on public property

should be directional, not advertising different food, etc. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said he doesn't believe The Emerson Inn received a sign permit appropriately.

- Placement of Interim Police Commissioner Agreement: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Placement Agreement with BadgeQuest, Inc. of Plymouth, Massachusetts for the provision of the services of Chief James Mulligan for a fee of \$100.00 per week during the period of his engagement with the town, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.
- Recruitment & Assessment Center Services Agreement for the Permanent Police Chief Hiring Process: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a Recruitment & Assessment Center contract with BadgeQuest, Inc. of Plymouth, Massachusetts to provide professional law enforcement recruitment and qualification services for the permanent Police Chief hiring process in support of the Police Chief Screening Committee and the Board of Selectmen for a bid price not to exceed \$22,495, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.
- Performance Evaluations & Merit Bonuses: postponed to subsequent meeting.
- Abandoned Tangible Property Disposal Policy: Selectperson Battistelli moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Disposition of Abandoned Tangible Property policy dated November 4, 2014, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0. The Town Administrator said this is necessary because a member of Granite Pier Committee gave a boat away that wasn't his. It was on the pier for a long time and it was just taken by someone who didn't own it. Chairperson Wilkinson read the policy aloud.

Placement of  
Interim Police  
Commissioner  
Agreement  
Motion  
Approved

Recruitment and  
Assessment  
Center Services  
for Permanent  
Police Chief  
Hiring Process  
Motion  
Approved

Abandoned  
Tangible  
Property  
Disposal Policy  
Motion  
Approved

Discussion Item:

Outdoor Seating  
on Private  
Property

12/2/14 Joint  
Mtg of Board of  
Selectmen and  
DPW  
Commissioners

Holiday Party  
for employees,  
volunteers and  
community on  
12/9/14.

8:00 Discussion Item

Outdoor Seating on Private Property (i.e., 6 Dock Square): Heath's Tea Room is on private property. The Board of Selectmen is responsible for public property; private property is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

Other Business/Announcements: Scheduling a meeting with the DPW and Traffic/Parking Committee and the Board of Selectmen. It was decided to invite the DPW Commissioners and the Traffic and Parking Committee to attend the 12/2/14 Board of Selectmen meeting, instead of scheduling a separate workshop.

This year's Holiday Party for employees, volunteers and community members, will be held at 5pm on 12/9/14, at the Community Center rather than Town Hall.

8:45 Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0.

Warrant signed:

Warrant signed for the Fiscal Year 2015 Payroll and Expenses for the week of 10/16/14 in the amounts of \$99,667.91 and \$128,446.40 respectively.

Items Signed:

BadgeQuest Contract

Loco-Motion, general license for a Laundromat